

**BEFORE THE GEORGIA GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND
CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

JAYSON STONNE

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CASE NO.: 22-0086-C

CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission (hereinafter "Commission") pursuant to a complaint filed *sua sponte* by the Commission on May 26, 2022. Now, prior to a final hearing on this matter, Respondent Jayson Stonne (hereinafter "Respondent") and the Commission agree to resolve the above-styled matter by Consent Order under the terms and conditions described herein.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Respondent was an unsuccessful candidate the Georgia House of Representatives, District 144, in the 2022 primary election. Respondent filed his Declaration of Intention to Accept Campaign Contributions on March 2, 2022. During his time as a candidate. Respondent raised a total of \$5,325.00 in campaign contributions.

At the time of the alleged violation, Respondent was a candidate for office, who was required to regularly report the amounts and sources of his campaign contributions, as well as, the end recipients and sums of his campaign expenditures through the filing of Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports (hereinafter "CCDR"). In this case, the Respondent failed to timely file three CCDR's:

1. Respondent failed to timely file an April 30, 2022, CCDR;
2. Respondent failed to timely file a September 30, 2022, CCDR; and
3. Respondent failed to timely file an October 25, 2022, CCDR.

Respondent was a candidate in the 2022 Republican primary election. As such, he was required to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement within fifteen days of qualifying as a candidate to disclose his personal financial holdings so that the electorate would have the opportunity to identify potential self-dealing in the candidate's public acts. In this case, the Respondent failed to timely file his PFDS.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent violated O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(c)(2)(A) when he failed to timely file his April 30, 2022, CCDR;
2. Respondent violated O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(c)(2)(A) when he failed to timely file his September 30, 2022, CCDR;
3. Respondent violated O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(c)(2)(A) when he failed to timely file his October 25, 2022, CCDR;
4. Respondent violated O.C.G.A. § 21-5-50(a)(1) when he failed to file his PFDS upon qualifying as a candidate.

HOLDING

In resolving this matter, Respondent hereby agrees to the following:

Respondent agrees to pay \$1,000.00 to the Commission as a civil penalty and \$500.00 in late fees for a total of \$1,500.00 for violating the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Act. The civil penalty and late fees shall be paid to the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission within six (6) months from the date of this Order. Further, Respondent, agrees not to commit any further violations of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Act and corresponding Commission Rules.

Respondent represents that the foregoing findings of facts are true, agrees with the conclusions of law, and further agrees to abide by all terms of this Order. By signing this Order, Respondent waives any right to appeal pursuant to the procedures outlined in the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), O.C.G.A. § 50-13-1 *et. seq.*

Failure to comply with the terms herein, absent a showing of good faith, will constitute a willful and knowing violation of said terms by Respondent. Respondent's failure to comply with said terms shall constitute a breach of this agreement and thereby authorize the Commission to seek enforcement and/or collection of this order by subsequent contempt or other proceedings against the Respondent in the Superior Court for the State of Georgia. The parties agree that all costs and attorneys' fees incurred by the Commission in any enforcement action shall be assessed against Respondent pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-5-6(b)(14)(C)(iv).

The Commission adopts the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law and orders the implementation of the terms of this Consent Order.

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Jayson Stornie
Respondent

Order Prepared and Presented by:

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SO ORDERED this 27th day of March, 2023.

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission
BY:

J. D. Kreyenbuhl
James D. Kreyenbuhl, Chair